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MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY POLICY

Wednesday, September 21, 2016 9:00 a.m. Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Nesbitt, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Nesbitt, Glenn, Franz, Jacobsen, LaFontaine, McBroom, Outman, Hughes, Barrett, Cole, Lucido, Maturen, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Webber, LaVoy, Cochran, Kivela, Kosowski, Byrd.

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representatives Brunner, Lane, Dianda, ~~Garrett~~.

Chair Nesbitt welcomed Representative Franz to the Committee on Energy Policy.

Representative LaFontaine made a motion to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on September 7, 2016. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

Chair Nesbitt made a motion to excuse absent members. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

The Chair laid the following bill before the Committee.

SB 903 (Casperson) Natural resources; gas and oil; process for approval of unit operations; modify.

Representative LaFontaine made a motion to report SB 903 with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Nesbitt, Franz, Jacobsen, LaFontaine, McBroom, Outman, Hughes, Barrett, Cole, Maturen, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Webber, LaVoy, Cochran, Kivela, Kosowski, Byrd. (18/24)

Nays: None. (0/24)

Pass: Representative Lucido. (1/24) (18/0/1)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Randy Gross of ITC introduced Simon Whitelock, Vice President, ITC Holdings and President, ITC Michigan, who provided a presentation to the Committee and reviewed the following topics: system statistics; ITC's range of customers; customer focus; ITC Michigan (operating companies, modernizing and maintaining the transmission grid; MW of connected generation in Michigan); value proposition; ITC and renewable energy; market efficiency; value of transmission (other perspectives); inside an electric bill; grid investment needed; aging infrastructure; regional infrastructure; changing generation mix; new demands and consumer awareness; planning reform (wires report); evolving policies; clean power future;

competition/ROFR; challenges in Michigan; a common purpose and common issues; and a better, stronger grid.

Sharon Segner, Vice President, LS Power, and Doug Collins, President, MISO North-Gridliance, spoke to the Committee regarding: 2011 FERC expansion of competition to Grid; 2016 qualified transmission developers; the electricity investment gap problem; a potential solution to competitive transmission; new entrants provide lower costs; RTOs; benefits of competitive transmission; improving reliability; Michigan reliability; recommendations and benefits to Michigan regarding competitive transmission.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Nesbitt declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:18 a.m.

Representative Aric Nesbitt, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk (517) 373-8538